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BOOK REVIEWS

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THE AFTER TREATMENT OF SURGICAL PATIENTS. By Willard Bartlett, A.M., M.D., F.A.C.S., and Collaborators. Two volumes. C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis. Price, \$10.00.

In works of general surgery the operative procedure is emphasized and the post-operative care lightly touched upon, so that a special treatise exclusively featuring the after care of surgical patients should make an instantaneous appeal to surgeons and especially to nurses. The care of the patient after the operation, beginning at the time the last suture is tied, comprises the whole subject matter of these two volumes except, as is needed to make clear the treatment, a part of the operative technique is described. The first volume deals with the accepted method of treatment after any operation. Detailed description of care in condition of shock, hemorrhage, sleeplessness, hiccough, fistulae, acidintoxication, pneumonia, etc. And the latest method of administering artificial nutrition, hypodermoclysis, proctoclysis, and hydrotherapy. The second volume has to do with the measures following operation upon special organs. Dr. Bartlett has for collaborators many well known surgeons of St. Louis and elsewhere. Late and accepted procedures are quoted and extensive bibliography named. These books should have a place in training school reference libraries for supplementary reading in the study of surgical nursing. Adding to the clearer understanding of the text are numerous original illustrations.

PRACTICAL DIETETICS, WITH REFERENCE TO DIET IN HEALTH AND DISEASE. By Alida Frances Pattee. Thirteenth Edition, Revised. A. F. Pattee, Publisher, Mount Vernon, N. Y. Price, \$2.25.

Again we welcome a new edition (the 13th) of Pattee's well known text book on dietetics. Each year the text is revised to meet the current teachings in the subject of digestion and preparation of food. The theory is concisely and comprehensively stated, including a table of estimates of food value; formulae for rectal feeding; tables of measures and weights; and groups of instructive questions for review. The recipes are simple in form with plain directions for preparing; accurate in quantities; and comprise varied articles of diet. A third part includes the accepted present day hospital dietaries, diet in disease, and diet in special conditions. The chapters on infant feeding contain the approved formulae and methods of preparation of

milk modification. The whole comprises an excellent text book for public schools or schools of nursing. Published in connection with the text book is a pamphlet, given complimentary with each copy, containing state board requirements and examination questions of various states. This pamphlet is not sold separately. With Pattee's Hand-Bag Diet Book—a condensed copy of the text book—the price is \$2.85.

POPE'S MANUAL OF NURSING PROCEDURE. By Amy Elizabeth Pope, R.N.
G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. Price, \$2.40.

This practical text book is arranged by the well known writer of nursing books and makes an admirable manual for the junior pupils. All extraneous matter is excluded and the author deals wholly with the practical work, which is explained clearly and in detail. Each demonstration has the correlated data either given or noted in a reference; thus affording a means of review of the other studies and linking in the pupil's mind the theory with the practice.

SURGICAL SHOCK AND THE SHOCKLESS OPERATION THROUGH ANOCI-ASSOCIATION. By George W. Crile, M.D., and William E. Lower, M.D. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London.
Price, \$5.00.

The first edition of this book "Anoci-Association" was published in 1914. As Dr. Crile states in the preface, "Accumulating experience in the civilian clinic and in field and base hospitals in France has added so much corroborative evidence of the soundness of the fundamental principles of anoci-association and of its practical application, that we have ventured to rewrite and augment our former volume." It is a book essentially for the medical student and surgeon, and yet one from which the surgical nurse may obtain much valuable information.